trade marks and for purchase of equipments; etc. from abroad?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha, to the extent available.

Audit of books of accounts in banks

2267. SHRI N. E. BALRAM:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Reserve Bank of India appoints statutory auditors to audit the books of accounts of commercial banks every year; and

(b) if so, whether these auditors audit the total account of a bank including the books of accounts of all the branches?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) In terms of the Statutes Governing them, Central Auditors for Nationalised Banks are appointed by the banks themselves after obtaining prior approval of the Reserve Bank of India. In the case of State Bank of India however the Statutory Central Auditors are appointed by Reserve Bank of India in consultation with the Central Government. The accounts of seven subsidiaries of State Bank of India are audited by Statutory Central Auditors appointed by State Bank of India with the prior approval of Reserve Bank of India. Auditors in respect of private sector banks including foreign banks operating in India are appointed by the banks themselves with the prior approval of Reserve Bank of India. These auditors are appointed on year to year basis.

(b) In so far as branch audit is concerned, Nationalised Banks have been advised by Reserve Bank of India that in addition to auditing of the main branch/Head Office, all branches having outstanding advances of Rs. 50 lakhs and above should be audited compulsorily each year and in addition one third of the remaining branches should also be audited by rotation. State Bank of India and its subsidiaries have also been advised by Reserve Bank of India to introduce audit of branches on the same pattern as Nationalised Banks in a phased manner. In the case of private sector banks, auditing of their branches is conducted under the provisions of the Companies Act, 1956 and the rules framed thereunder.

Estate duty cases

2268. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of Estate-Duty cases of the people in the Capital are pending settlement;

(b) whether Government have received any representation with regard to the early settlement of these cases; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and what action Government have taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THF MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Yes it is a fact that a number of Estate-Duty cases of the people of the Capital are pending.

(b) and (c) Representations were received from certain organisations regarding early disposal of Estate-Duty cases etc. After consideration of these suggestions, the Government have issued instructions to dispose of Estate-Duty cases where the returned principal value did not exceed Rs. 3 lakhs in a summary manner. The Government has also issued instructions that no penalty proceedings be initiated in the cases covered under the summary assessment scheme.

Seizure of gold and unaccounted money

2269. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state what is the total

quantity of gold and other moveable properties and unaccounted money unearthed and seized by the Revenue Intelligence Directorates and the Customs authorities during the year 1985-86?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): The information to the extent possible is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Development of Tourism in Pondicherry

2270. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount earmarked for the development of tourism in Pondicherry for the year 1986-87;

(b) how many foreign tourists have visited Pondicherry during the year 1985-86; and

(c) what are the new schemes likely to be implemented by the Central Government to attract more and more tourists in the coming years?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) The Department of Tourism does not allocate funds State/Union Territory-wise. It provides central assistance for individual projects received from the State/Union Territory Administrations, based on an evaluation of the projects, *interse* priorities and availability of funds. Planning Commission has agreed to a provision of Rs. 23.00 lakhs for the development of tourism during 1986-87 to the U.T. Administration.

(b) No regular system of collection of data of foreign tourists visiting various States/UT's is in existence. From the approximate dates available, number of foreign tourists who visited Pondicherry during 1985-86 is 13,000.

(c) Various schemes for assistance to the State Governments/ UT Administrations for development of tourism infrastructure are in existence. Proposals received under these schemes from the States/UT Administration would be considered on merit. At present no new scheme has been taken up.

Export finance provided by the financial institutions

2271. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the export finance provided by the Financial Institutions including the EXIM Bank during the last three years, year-wise; and

(b) whether EXIM Bank has initiated any lending programme for small scale sector, if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Of the financial institutions, it is the Export-Import Bank of India (EXIM Bank) which mainly provides credit and guarantee facilities for export of goods and services from India. Details of the credit funded and guarantee (non-funded) utilised from the EXIM Bank during the last three years are given below:—

(Utilisations)

(*Rs. crores Approximately*)

Period	Funded	Non-funded
1983 . . .	206	71
1984 . . .	353	57
1985 . . .	381	68

(b) Under the lending programmes of EXIM Bank, Facilities for export of